

Minutes of the Town of Farmington  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
January 8, 2019

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair  
Patricia Boye-Williams  
Bruce Charette  
Paul Cianci  
Edward Giannaros  
Beth Kintner

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager  
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

D. Presentations and Recognitions

There were no presentations or recognitions.

D. New Items

There were no new items added to the agenda.

E. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

F. Reading of the Minutes

1. December 11, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

## G. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

There were no communications or written appeals.

## I. Report of the Committees

### 1. UCONN Health Committee

There was no report for Agenda Item I-1.

### 2. Land Acquisition Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the next meeting was January 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

### 3. Green Efforts Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee was continuing to work on their goal of waste reduction in Town and to develop a newsletter to promote their goals with educational articles and announcements, such as the Annual Clean Up day scheduled for April 27, 2019.

### 4. FHS Ad Hoc Community Survey Committee

Ms. Kintner reported the Committee had completed their work other than preparing for the joint meeting with the Council, the FHS Ad Hoc Facility & Financial Committee and Board of Education on January 23, 2019.

### 5. FHS Ad Hoc Facility & Financial Committee

Mr. Giannaros reported the Committee had met and finalized their recommendations for the joint meeting with the Council, the FHS Ad Hoc Community Survey Committee and Board of Education on January 23, 2019.

### 6. Farmington Village Center Committee

Mr. Charette reported the Committee had a meeting scheduled for January 10, 2019 to interview the candidates for the landscape architect for the beautification project.

### 7. Auditor Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Cianci reported the Committee had met to revise the RFP for auditors. The Committee planned to review the responses at their next meeting.

## J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

### 1. Chair

The Chair wished the Council and the Community Happy New Year and looked forward to working to do good things for the Town over the next year.

### 2. Board of Education Liaison

Ms. Kintner reported the Board of Education's next meeting was January 14, 2019, and they would be starting their budget meetings on February 2, 2019.

### 3. Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Thomas reported the Chamber had a new website Farmington Valley Chamber .com, and they had committed \$10,000 to have a Farmington Festival.

4. Economic Development Commission Liaison

Mr. Giannaros reported the Commission had a Business Breakfast scheduled for January 23, 2019 at the Farmington Club with John Traynor, Chief Investment Officer at People's United Bank as speaker.

5. Farmington Historic District Commission

Mr. Charette reported the next meeting was January 15, 2019.

6. Housing Authority

Ms. Kintner reported the new Housing Regulations were later on the agenda and the staff was working on several landlord tenant issues.

7. Human Relations Commission

Ms. Kintner reported the next meeting was January 16, 2019 at the Community Center.

8. Library Board

Mr. Giannaros reported the elevator at the Main Branch was being upgraded and the Challenge Cup mini golf fundraiser was scheduled for January 19, 2019.

9. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison

Mr. Charette reported the next meeting was January 14, 2019.

10. Unionville Historic District Commission

Mr. Giannaros reported the Commission would be holding an educational seminar on March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on historic homes with Alyssa Lozupone, Architectural Preservationist from the Connecticut State Office of the Historic Preservation as the speaker. The seminar was going to include information on tax credits for preservation done on historic homes.

11. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison

12. Water Pollution Control Authority

There were no reports for Agenda Items I-11 or I-12.

13. Other Liaisons

Mr. Thomas reported the Bike Committee was working with the Chamber of Commerce for signage on the bike trails promoting local businesses of interest to the riders and continuing to work on general road signage.

K. Report of the Town Manager

Second January Town Council Meeting

The Manager reported the January 22, 2019 meeting would be a joint meeting with the Board of Education at the Farmington High School cafeteria.

Nutmeg TV Airdates

The Manager reviewed the information on the broadcast dates for Council meetings.

#### State Legislators Invitation

The Manager told the Council she was planning on inviting the State Legislators to the February 13, 2019 meeting.

#### Community Services Holiday Program Update

The Manager reviewed the report on the Community Service Department Holiday Programs. She commended the department on the success of the programs, and the Chair commented on the high level of community involvement in the programs.

#### Brownfield Municipal Grant Update

The Manager reported that the Town did not receive the Brownfield Assessment Grant for the former Parson's property. Of the 39 applications only 11 were funded. She was meeting with the Town's consultant to discuss the Phase 1 Investigation in further detail and to get a plan to move forward. She was scheduling a meeting with Representative Mike Demicco to talk about other State of Connecticut brownfield funding. A meeting was set on January 17, 2019 with the Deputy Commissioner of DECD to discuss the former Parson's property. She planned to have an update for the February 13, 2019 Town Council Meeting.

#### Personnel Update

The Manager reported the Town was in the process of recruiting for both the Town Planner and the Town Assessor positions. Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Planner and Ed Hybner, Assistant Assessor were heading their departments in the interim. The Assessor position had been posted and several qualified applicants had applied. The Town Planner application was due January 14, 2019. The Town was moving forward to fill the positions as soon as possible, but she felt the two assistants were covering their departments well.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to accept the Town Manager's Report.

Adopted unanimously

#### L. Appointments

1. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg)
2. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission (Markuszka) – **Alternate**

There were no appointments for Agenda Items L-1 or L-2.

#### 3. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Thomas/Cianci) that Richard Berlandy be appointed to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission as an alternate for the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019.

Adopted unanimously

4. Economic Development Commission (Russell)
5. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council
6. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bernier)
7. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Markuszk)
8. Tourism Central Regional District
9. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission (Martin) – **Alternate**
10. Water Pollution Control Authority (Charette)
11. Water Pollution Control Authority (Thompson)

There were no appointments made for Agenda Items L-4 through L-11.

#### M. Old Business

There was no Old Business conducted.

#### N. New Business

1. To consider and take action on the 2019 Blighted Building List.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to consider and take action on the following Blighted Building List:

14 Blueridge Drive  
23 Lakeview Drive  
56 Lake Garda Drive

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to postpone the motion until the February 13, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

2. To consider and take action on budget targets for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to consider and take action on budget targets for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Motion was made and seconded (Thomas/Cianci) to amend the motion to set a budget target of 2% to 2.5% for the Town and Board of Education for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Motion was made and seconded (Boye-Williams/Kintner) to postpone the motion until the next Town Council Meeting.

Mr. Cianci called the question.

Defeated (motion to postpone)  
 Voting yes were Boye-Williams, Giannaros and Kinter.  
 Voting no were Cianci, Charette, Nickerson and Thomas

Passed (amended motion)  
 Voting yes were Cianci, Charette, Nickerson and Thomas  
 Voting no were Boye-Williams, Giannaros and Kinter

3. To Set a Public Hearing on February 12, 2019 at 7:05 pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers to Amend the Farmington Town Code Chapter 118 "Housing Code."

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to set a Public Hearing on February 12, 2019 at 7:05 pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers to amend the Farmington Town Code Chapter 118 "Housing Code."

Adopted unanimously

4. To Set a Public Hearing on the Town Manager's Proposed Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan on February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to set a Public Hearing on the Town Manager's Proposed Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan on February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Adopted unanimously

5. To approve property tax refunds.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the following property tax refunds.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Acar Leasing	Assessor adjustment	\$305.66
Cutler Prudence	Assessor adjustment	\$7.40
Diamler Trust	Assessor adjustment	\$282.53
Ford Credit	Assessor adjustment	\$288.19
Honda Lease	Assessor adjustment	\$209.24
Hyundai Lease	Assessor adjustment	\$116.48
Ioffe Nataly	Assessor adjustment	\$683.75
Nissan Infiniti	Assessor adjustment	\$353.69
Pedrotty James	Assessor adjustment	\$11.31
Phelps Mark	Assessor adjustment	\$10.79
Toyota Lease	Assessor adjustment	\$1524.57
VW Credit	Assessor adjustment	\$1206.42

<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$5000.03</b>
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Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

1. Collective Bargaining

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to move to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the discussion of records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining with the Town Council and Town Manager present.

Adopted unanimously

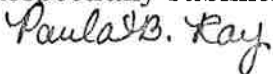
The Council returned to Open Session at 8:21p.m.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Paula B. Ray, Clerk